

## NATIONAL REFORMERS.

Under this title a new party seems to be getting pretty extensive drift in some of the Eastern States. The main principle of the party is to rear what is termed a landed democracy. In other words, they aim to secure to every man a homestead free from debt and to restrict the accumulation of large landed estates in the hands of wealthy men. They propose to stop the sale of the public lands and give to every settler a certain number of acres, as Congress shall deem proper, and prohibit the sale or mortgage of it except to a man who is not a landholder. A meeting of from 3000 to 5000 people, recently assembled in New York, and their proceedings are represented as exceedingly spirited. Among their resolutions we find the following:

"Resolved, That the Homestead of every family ought to be exempt from all liabilities for debt (as in Georgia and Texas) and transferable only to a landless person."

We have heretofore alluded to some such provision in the proposed new constitution of this State, and so far as we have learned, the suggestion meets with great favor. The more one reflects upon it, the more he will be impressed with the propriety of securing to every citizen some fixed interest which will bind him to his country, beyond the casualties of fickle fortune. To make him feel that he owns a portion of the country—that not only the protection of a righteous and just government hovers over him, but that the promptings of interest and the future welfare of a country, a part of which is emphatically his own, call upon him to sustain her institutions and her integrity with a becoming earnestness. More of the misery and want of this go-ahead country result from crushed hopes and blighted prospects than from any natural sluggishness of the people. Secure to such men a homestead and its crops, and you awaken their energies to newness of life. It may be true as claimed by the National Reformers, that a landed democracy is as essential to the perpetuity of a republic as a landed aristocracy to a despotism.

The panic in New York, in consequence of the false alarms excited by politicians, brokers, &c., from a misrepresentation of the money effects of the constitutional treasury bill, is now subsiding. The "New York Evening Post" of yesterday, says: "The election is over and the political panic-makers have no longer any occasion for pretending to be frightened." The "New York Journal of Commerce" comments very freely on the panic movements and curtailments of some of the banks, and contends that "there is nothing in the sub-treasury, absurd as the measure is, (the New York Journal is pleased so to say,) which can cause any serious pressure on the money-market. No man can show how the collection and disbursement of the public revenue in specie, can produce any great commotion, not even if the present balances are removed to the sub-treasury. There is nothing in the worst shape of the measure which will necessarily raise the interest of money one per cent, for three months &c., &c., &c. It contains no provision requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to draw out the balance now in the banks. On the contrary, he is expressly authorized to let them remain, and pay out from the new collections of the sub-treasury; and there is no reason to doubt that he will do so. What foundation is there, then, for this panic, about a measure which may never be adopted, and which, if it should, would not render the removal of the deposits necessary—not probable, except as gradually required for the wants of the government? If the banks, either from timorousness and ignorance, or from political motives, or for the purpose of keeping the public money, set about making a panic, as they did on the removal of the deposits from the United States Bank, the proceeding will now be understood, & return upon them in a trumpet of indignation. It is monstrous that the interests of this great community should be trifled with. In the deposit panic it was proclaimed that the merchants would break, and the banks would probably break. The merchants did break by hundreds, for no person on earth but a mere alarm got up between politicians and banks. Some bank directors we know, are taking the same course at present, and proclaiming that if the sub-treasury passes, half the merchants will break. What can be more cruel, what more wicked, than such declarations! Bank directors will not find this the way to prevent the passage of the sub-treasury."

The banks can gain nothing but a new attempt to bring back the panic, (of the United States Bank.) Let them try it, and the indignation they will produce will determine the republican members of Congress to act with more vigor. It could never be permitted to banks to compel the money market so much as that they can produce a pressure and a panic as they please, to affect the commercial interests of the whole community, in order that they may promote their own interests, or compel the renewal of their charters. The government has a right to regulate its own finances as it pleases. We should it ever permit its funds to become the means of discount and speculation for the benefit of the banks? This money power of privileged corporations

is becoming too strong in its acts, and too impertinent in interference, to be suffered in a free country. The single feature in the constitutional treasury bill, which permits the deposits of the government to remain in the banks, until they are withdrawn by the necessities of the government, is liberal and wise in itself. It deprives the banks of all excuse for creating any panic, or of opposing the introduction of the constitutional treasury.—Union.

FURTHER EXTRACTS FROM THE FOREIGN NEWS BY THE CALEDONIA—FRANCE.—The intelligence which comes to us from this country represents that the feeling upon the Oregon question is adverse to the United States. It is not strange that all the expressions hostile to us by the press of that nation should be copied into the British journals, and come to us through that source. We give some extracts:

The men who have something to those—the men who support all the burdens of the State—who discharge all the duties of citizenship, and who in fact form the French nation—the majority of these men, and the majority of these men in Parliament, condemn Mr. Polk's proceedings as likely to lead to war, and they abhor war as a great calamity.

They do not, indeed, think there will be war, but they feel that it will not be to Mr. Polk and his advisers that the world will be indebted for the maintenance of peace. This feeling may be erroneous, but it certainly exists; and certainly it is deeply to be deplored that it does exist, for it lowers the United States government in estimation and prevents its exercising that influence in European affairs which it ought to do.

As respects the press, too, the same feeling is apparent. All the newspapers that have any influence at all have either sternly condemned that Mr. Polk has done, or carefully refrained from expressing approval of it. The *Journal des Debats*, which is the leading organ of France, and perhaps of Europe, and which speaks the sentiments of the French government, has even exceeded the bounds of propriety in its attacks on Mr. Polk.—The *Epoch* and the *Constitutionnel* also condemn the course of the President.

It is natural that there should be an affiliation of feeling between the royalist organs of France, and England. But the liberal press and the great body of the French people are far from partaking of these sympathies.

SWITZERLAND.—The Constituent Assembly of Berne was opened on the 16th ult. The Assembly installed its provisional board, and two radical candidates were elected. The committee empowered to draw up the first bases of the revision of the constitutional laws was actively at work. At Lug the Landrath has given its sanction to the resolutions of the Conference of Lucerne, which tend to place the Catholic Cantons on a footing of formidable defence.

DIED.—Near this place, on the 28th ult., John Nelson, infant son of Isaac, and Cassandra Short, aged nine months; and on the 2d, inst. after a lingering and painful illness, which she bore with exemplary patience, and christian resignation, Cassandra, wife of Isaac Short, aged 25 years and 10 days.

Scarcely had the infant's spirit passed, Till the mother's hence was borne Where the weary are at rest at last, Where mourners cease to mourn.

NEW FRUIT.—JUST received at WATTE'S, Green and Dried Apples, Oranges, Currants and Raisins; also a good supply of Cheese, Dairy Salt, Blasting Powder, Cider, and Lill & Co's Chicago Beer.

April 27, 1846.

THE Subscribers have recently opened a new Drug Store, on Chicago Street, nearly opposite the Printing Office, where they intend to keep on hand at all times, a general assortment of DRUGS, MEDICINES, PAINTS, OILS, & DYE-STUFFS, which were purchased solely with cash, and will be sold on as reasonable terms as can be bought at any establishment in the western country.

The patronage of Physicians and the community at large, is respectfully solicited.

N. B. Physicians' prescriptions and family medicines put up by careful hands at a small charge of day and night.

SCHOOL BOOKS.—A large assortment just received by Jan. 27th.

DEMOMD & WOOD.

Just received at J. A. MATTESON'S, a few of Lane's superior Plows.

Feb. 17th.

Look Out for Bed Bugs!—An Efficient and cheap poison can be found at WOODRUFF'S Drug Store.

BAND-BOXES for sale at Lowe's, a superior article.

GUM Elastic and Web Braces, by the doz. sent from a tip to 75cts at the Reno Store, East Joliet.

SHOVELS, PICKS and BARS, can be found cheap at MATTESON'S.

THE FLATS.—We are gratified to learn by the several captains who have passed over the St. Clair Flats this season, that there appears to be less than the usual obstruction to navigation over them.—Buff. Pilot.

RAILROAD THROUGH CANADA.—We learn from the Montreal papers that the bill to extend the charter of the Detroit and Niagara Rivers and Railroad has been lost in the Canadian Parliament, by a majority of 15.

LANDS FOR SALE AT AUCTION.—ON the 8th of June next at 11 o'clock, A. M., I will sell at the Court House in Joliet (unless sooner disposed of) 52 acres of Timber, being lot 11 and s-e of lot 12, in sec. 16, town 35, Range 12, and 80 acres of Prairie being the s. e. w. of section 21, same township.

These lands are favorably located on the Laporte Road, 12 miles east of Joliet, and 30 miles from Chicago, in the midst of one of the best settlements in Will Co. The prairie is half a mile from the timber, adjoining improved lands and convenient to Hickory Creek, a durable stream.—The timber is the very best selection from the school section at the head of Hickory Creek, convenient to some of the finest prairie in the State, and within 14 miles of government land. This township contains several hundred families who are making substantial improvements and have a school fund fully adequate to the wants of common schools for the entire township. The timber will be sold in lots to suit purchasers.

Terms—cash. For the proprietors, A. W. BOWEN.

Chicago Weekly Democrat.

DISINTERESTED TESTIMONY.—MR. STELLMAN.—The following letter, we believe to be perfectly disinterested, for they were entirely unsolicited on our part, and I write them merely as a matter of business. There is seldom an arrival of the mail, but similar letters are received, and if justified in incurring the expense, we might fill the "Signal" with them.

We ask a matter of duty to ourselves as well as to our friends, that any one whose eye may chance to fall upon this, read the following letters slowly, pause frequently, think seriously, and then act accordingly.

Keyburg, Pike Co. Ill., March 13, 1846. Messrs. D. Harter & Co.—Gentlemen: The Plaster and Pills you left with me to sell, about 8 weeks since, are all sold, with the exception of a few boxes, and these few will probably be all gone before I can get a new supply from you. I know not that you can supply me; still, as you left your card when I write, hoping you may find some way to send me a large lot soon.

The "KANSAS PILLS" have become very popular, and have proved wonderfully efficacious in curing lingering complaints and inveterate diseases of almost all kinds.

The "HARRIS PLASTER" is undergoing a trial and is doing good. I hear of no complaint from any source in regard to it. At the time you left these medicines I thought it very doubtful if I sold any, and therefore took but few. The people had often been imposed upon by medicine, and I did not believe I could have any success in making any effort to sell these. I was mistaken. I find these medicines are good, and I feel it a duty to recommend them, and I wish you to send me, if possible, Six Dozen boxes "KANSAS PILLS" and same amt of the "HARRIS PLASTER," and oblige Yours truly, SAM'L H. MESMITH.

Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 6, 1846. Messrs. D. Harter & Co.—Gentlemen: I have sold all but nine boxes of your justly celebrated "KANSAS PILLS" and I have an order for two dozen boxes more, which I cannot fill until you forward me a supply. Please send me a large supply as soon as possible, for this Plaster is much thought of in this region, and the demand for it is steadily increasing. The more it is known the greater the demand.

Yours Truly, J. A. BARROWS.

Danville, Ill., Feb. 18, 1846. Messrs. D. Harter & Co.—Gentlemen: We are entirely out of the "Jew Davis" or "HARRIS PLASTER" and have not received any since you were here about six weeks since. It would be well to send us some (say 4 dozen boxes) soon. We have now been your agents for the sale of your "HARRIS PLASTER" and "KANSAS PILLS" two years, and find their sales rapidly increasing, especially in this part of the State.

Respectfully your friends, E. PALMER & CO.

Galesburg, Knox Co. Ill., Feb. 5, 1846. Messrs. D. Harter & Co.—Gentlemen: The large lot of "HARRIS PLASTER" and "KANSAS PILLS" you left with me on sale, is nearly all gone. There are but a few boxes left, of either Plaster or Pills. They sell well and give great satisfaction. If you would like to have me send you some money, write to that effect. Inclosed I send you the amount due you upon Mr. Fenoy's receipt for medicines. I would like to have you send me a good supply of the Pills and Plaster immediately. Yours truly, J. B. COLTON.

By the above extracts an idea may be obtained, somewhat correct, of the character of the "HARRIS PLASTER" and "KANSAS PILLS," also the estimate in which they are held by those who best know them. We venture to say, and this too after mature reflection and having the very means for judging correctly, that no medicines are more popular and give so general satisfaction as these. Why is this? Simply because they do just what they promise. Call upon our agents and obtain a valuable pamphlet and learn what they do promise, and if suffering with any disease for which either are recommended, try them and enjoy the blessings of health which result from their use.

Beasts of Counterfeits. We have lately found true, that which for a long time we feared; viz: that some unprincipled rascal, lured by the said motive of gain, and the great popularity of the "HARRIS PLASTER" and "KANSAS PILLS," would set out with the laws of God and man, and counterfeit them. We would caution the public not to purchase supplies from any one who is not an agent for the west.

Price of Plaster, 30 cts. per box containing sufficient to spread 6 or 8 square.

Price of Pills, 25 cts. per box containing 30 or 35 pills.

For Sale by BROWN & CO., East Joliet. GEO. W. WOODRUFF, West Joliet. E. B. WALKER, Plainfield. E. E. BUSH, Lockport. J. L. BOJARDIAN, Yorkville. J. W. PICKERING, Newburgh. H. D. RISLEY, Wilmington.

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Broad Cloths,	Forest Cloths,	Fancy Cassimeres,	Plain Satinets,
Black,	Hard Times,	Black,	Kersey,
Blue Blacks,	Padding,	Vestings, great variety,	White Flannels,
Blues,	Canvass,	Cashmere Reys,	Bed do
Browns,	Saltbury Flannels,	Knitlock Jeans,	Yellow do
Invisible green,	Irish Linens,	3000 yards calicoes,	Plaid Cloakings,
Do Skirt,	Apron Checks,	from 1 to 25 cts,	Silk & cotton warp Al-
Black washed Hose,	Brown Shirts,	Therend Edging,	apaces,
Fairy cold do	Waddings,	Lisle Edgings,	Black Alapacks,
Victorian Skirts,	Back Combs,	Cap Laces,	Fancy do
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Shirtdiastic Suspenders,	Black Combs,	Black Lace Mitts,	Cottons,
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Buckskin Goggles,	Black Combs,	Black Lace Mitts,	yards wide,
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Night Caps,	Black Combs,	Black Lace Mitts,	Carpet Binding,
Brown Table covers,	Black Combs,	Black Lace Mitts,	Gen's Scales,
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